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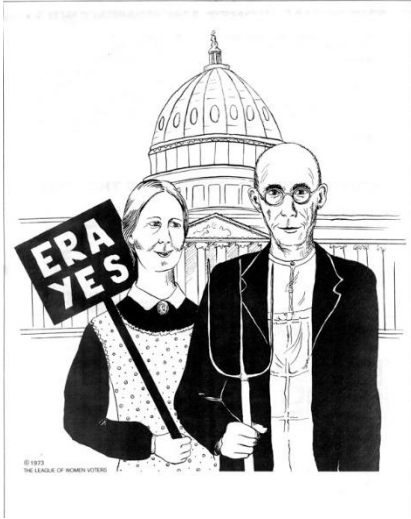


Manuscript Collection Spotlight

By Andrew Johnston, Asst. Dir. of Archives and Special Collections

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA) SOUTH CAROLINA COALITION RECORDS,

1969-1984 ([Accession 81](#), [Accession 168](#), [Accession 183](#), [Accession 388](#), [Accession 693](#), and [Accession 1062](#), [Accession 1336](#), [Accession 1618](#))



The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) has once again been in the news recently as Virginia became the 38th state required to ratify the amendment on January 15, 2020. While the issue of final ratification of the ERA is currently in the court system, the issue regarding the amendment emerged back into the national dialog. We thought we would remind everyone of the plethora of sources for ERA research here in the Pettus Archives.

The ERA was a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution designed to guarantee equal rights for American citizens regardless of gender. It was first introduced to the U.S. Congress in 1921 and propelled the conversation as to the meaning of equality between men and women. The ERA passed in Congress in 1971 and was submitted to the states for ratification in 1972. Ratification by 38 states was required. Although Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the ERA this year, four states (Nebraska, Tennessee, Idaho, and Kentucky) have attempted to rescind their ratification of the amendment citing the deadline of June 30, 1982.

The Equal Rights Amendment South Carolina Coalition was an organization created to support and promote the ratification of the amendment to the S. C. State Legislature. South Carolina never fully ratified the ERA. While the State House of Representatives voted to ratify on March 22, 1972, with a tally of 83 to zero, it did not make it through the State Senate. The Coalition continued to push for South Carolina to ratify the ERA for years afterward and a movement remains to continue to push for its ratification.

Any researcher interested in researching the ERA movement in South Carolina has plenty of materials to work with in the Pettus Archives. With eight collections containing over 14.50 linear feet of material, a researcher can follow the evolution and development of the movement in South Carolina. The collections include material gathered from the opposition as well. The records consist of meeting minutes, reports, correspondence, publications such as newsletters and booklets, flyers, posters, petitions, calendars of events, newspaper clippings, articles, polling data, mailing lists, financial records, memorabilia, and a diary kept by Dr. Nancy P. Moore who has had a notable career in activism and served as South Carolina ERA Chair for the League of Women Voters in 1978 and served as S. C. National Organization for Women (SC NOW) President 1986-1987. There are also [Oral History interviews](#) with women who advocated for the amendment.

For more information on the ERA, please see the list of [manuscript collection finding aids](#) or [contact the Archives](#).

For more information on the Manuscript Collection, contact Andrew Johnston, Asst. Director of Archives and Special Collections at (803) 323-2334 or archives@winthrop.edu.

Quote of the Quarter

David Hume [1711-1776] was a Scottish philosopher, historian, economist, and essayist. He is regarded as one of the most important philosophers to write in English. His ideas influenced Adam Smith, Jeremy Bentham, and Charles Darwin. The Pettus Archives has Hume's [*Essays and Treatises on Several Subjects: In Two Volumes*](#). From his "Essay XIV: Of the Coalition of Parties" [political], he writes:

There is not a more effectual method of promoting so good an end, than to prevent all unreasonable insult and triumph of the one party over the other, to encourage moderate opinions, to find the proper medium in all disputes, to persuade each that its antagonist may possibly be sometimes in the right, and to keep a balance in the praise of blame, which we bestow on either side.

--David Hume

For more information concerning the *Quote of the Quarter* please contact Gina White at (803) 323-2334 or whitegp@winthrop.edu.



From the Processing Archivist

By Carson Cope, Processing Archivist

The Wade B. Roddey Papers



Nancy Cherry McGee

Are you a researcher looking for sources for local history topics? The Wade B. Roddey papers provide a wealth of information concerning the history of the Catawba Region and its people. The papers were recently transferred to the Pettus Archives from the York County Public Library and are in the early stages of being processed and made available to the public. The Roddey papers primarily focus on genealogy and include information on a variety of local families such as the Roddey family, the Cherry family, the Knox family, the Hodges family, the Steele family, the Hyatt family, and the Culp family, just to name a few. The contents of this collection include correspondence, lineage charts, family records, Wade Roddey's handwritten notes concerning the families, and other materials of a similar interest. Upon completion, there will be approximately 15,000 sheets of paper for researchers to peruse in this collection. Though these genealogical materials are still in the early stages of being organized, some of the collection has already been sorted and could be used by researchers if so desired. Furthermore, genealogical records concerning many of these families are also available in the [Louise Pettus Papers](#) and other collections in the holdings of the Archives including the [Harbison and Cherry](#)

[Family Land Records](#); the [Roddey-Gettys Family Records](#); and the [Eliza Ragsdale Wylie Papers](#) (Culp and Roddey family) among others. If you are interested in local families, do not hesitate to come in today and check out what the Louise Pettus Archives has to offer!

For more information on collections being processed, contact Carson Cope at archives@winthrop.edu or (803) 323-2334

From [The Johnsonian, March 1, 1924](#):

Varsity Basketball Team Chosen By Athletic Board



The following basketball varsity has been elected by the Athletic Board. The Athletic Board is composed of the basketball managers, a representative from each class, the officers of the Athletic Association and the Physical Directors. The voting is by secret ballot. Jumping center: Nettie Thompson [Class of 1927]. Side center: Lillian Lewis [Class of 1926]. Guards: Virginia Swink [Class of 1924] and Sarah Workman [Class of 1926]. Forwards: Martha Miller Holler [Class of 1926] and Lucille Cogswell [Class of 1924]. Miss Holler and Miss Swink were unanimously elected.



Recently Processed

By Drew Russell, Archives Graduate Student Archivist

Emmett Scott High School Collection – Accession 1729



The [Emmett Scott High School Collection](#) is a collection of memorabilia curated and donated to the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections by Dr. Sylvia Berry, who worked for the Rock Hill School District. The collection includes yearbooks, athletics jerseys, commencement announcements and programs, as well as a class ring and graduation tassels. All items were donated to Dr. Berry from alumni of Emmett Scott High School. The class ring (pictured) was donated by Estelle Berry, Class of 1963. Below is a short historical timeline of Emmett Scott High School.

1919 – Funding for Emmett Scott High School appropriated
1920 – R.C. Burts named as superintendent to Emmett Scott High School
1920 – Emmett Scott High School opened in South Carolina – First school for African Americans in South Carolina

1920 – Frank H. Neal named first principal of Emmett Scott High School
1923 – First graduating class of Emmett Scott High School – 11 Graduates
1924 – L.B. Moore named second principal of Emmett Scott High School
1934 – Emmett Scott High School accredited by the SC State Department – Allowed to issue first diplomas
1934 – W.C. Sullivan named as superintendent to Emmett Scott High School
1938 – Ralph W. McGuirt named third principal of Emmett Scott High School
1959 – W.H. Witherspoon named fourth principal of Emmett Scott High School
1966 – 195 in the graduating class of 1966
1967 – G.C. Land named fifth principal of Emmett Scott High School
1967 – Samuel Foster named sixth principal of Emmett Scott High School
1970 – Final graduating class of Emmett Scott High School – African Americans integrated to other Rock Hill high schools
1970 – Emmett Scott High School closed

For more information contact the Pettus Archives at archives@winthrop.edu or (803) 323-2334

A Century Ago... From the [February 24, 1920 issue of *The Chester News*](#)

CHESTER MAN NURSES “FLU”—The following letter was received from the Red Cross Chapter of Rock Hill and will be of interest to Chester people:

Rock Hill, S.C. Feb. 20, 1920

To The Chester News, Chester, S.C.

My Dear Sir,

Mr. Samuel W. Orr, of your town, has been here in Rock Hill for the past few weeks nursing for the A.R.C. and has done such splendid work he has made many friends during his sojourn. At first he did private or special nursing, but for the past several weeks he has charge of the Emergency Hospital which is being run under the Auspices of the A.R.C.

At one time, there were twenty three convicts in it ill with flu and pneumonia, [along with] others from the town. Some of them were very ill and we feel several owe their lives to his faithful and untiring service.

I thought you would love to know those good things of your fellow townsman.

Thanking you,

I am very truly yours,

Mrs. Lillian Hennaman



Rare Book Collection Spotlight

By Gina Price White, Dir. of Archives and Special Collections

Annie Greene Nelson

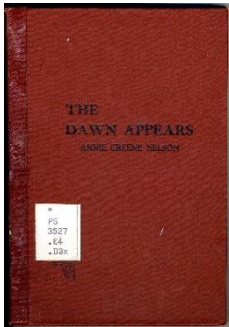


Annie Green Nelson in Dinkins Auditorium,
February 1, 1977

A writer and playwright, Annie Greene Nelson was the first African American from South Carolina to publish a novel. She was born in Darlington County near Cartersville on December 5, 1902 to Sylvester and Nancy Greene, the oldest of 14 children. She attended school near her home at Parrots' Plantation. Nelson's childhood was impoverished but she had the opportunity to attend Benedict College and to graduate with degrees in education and nursing from Voorhees College in 1923. She taught in the public schools of South Carolina and served as librarian at Waverley School in Columbia.

Her first published poem, "What Do You Think of Mother," appeared in the *Palmetto Leader* newspaper in 1925. Mrs. Nelson wrote three novels, *After the Storm* (1942), *The Dawn Appears* (1944) and *Don't Walk on My Dreams* (1961). She also wrote an autobiography titled *To Paw with Love*. Nelson's plays are titled *Weary Fireside*

Blues, produced off Broadway, and *The Parrots' Plantation*. She received the Lucy Hampton Bostick Award from the Friends of the Richland County Public Library and the P. Scott Kennedy Award for her contributions to African American theater among other awards. Nelson once said, "If a person is going to write, it must be a compulsion. A book, a story is something that must be written so people can feel it, see it as it unfolds. The plantation life was one of my most favorite subjects—the faith, the struggle, the perseverance. They never gave up—the strict morals—the hard work. That is why I wrote *After the Storm*." Mrs. Nelson died in Columbia on December 23, 1993. Mrs. Nelson spoke at Winthrop in Dinkins Auditorium on February 1, 1977 for Black Week, the precursor to Black History Month, sponsored by the Ebonites. (See *The Johnsonian*, [December 12, 1976](#) p 6 and [February 7, 1977](#) p 10)



Pettus Archives has two of her novels in the Rare Book Collection, *After the Storm* and *The Dawn Appears*. Winthrop purchased *The Dawn Appears* in 1944 and *After the Storm* in 1959. Mrs. Nelson signed the two books in 1976. All three of her novels were reprinted in 1976.

For more information on the Rare Book Collection, contact Gina White, Director of Archives and Special Collections at (803) 323-2334 or archives@winthrop.edu.

Advertisements from [March 1, 1930 issue of The Johnsonian](#):

Silk Dresses for the Coming Spring Season

and they're marked only.

\$9.90

A Fashion and Thrift group of silk dresses that will answer so many needs in every woman's wardrobe! Dresses that follow the new lines . . . the new soft details . . . the new colors . . . of very much higher priced frocks . . . and are just as good-looking as they are low-priced! But then — you'd better see them for yourself . . . you'll want two or three!

For Women
For Misses
For Juniors

J.C. PENNEY CO.
107 East Main Street Rock Hill, S. C.

Andrew Jackson Coffee Shop

The coolest spot in town
Now Serving Special
Luncheon 60c

Also a la carte service
Special Sunday Dinner
Open 6:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.
6 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Entire Stock Of FOOTWEAR for SPRING
Drastically Reduced in Price
Sale Begins Saturday, March 1st
LASTS 10 DAYS

READ!

We're cutting prices on every pair of our high-grade, durable shoes. New spring styles for men, women and children in all sizes and leathers. They're the great value you've been waiting for and more enough to try our new prices.

Irvin Dress Shoes
For women, nothing better. All 900 numbers reduced to \$62.95. All 87 and 8130 Ladies' \$62.95. All 8130 \$62.95.

Irvin-Bell Shoes
There are 1000s for their quality. Regular \$130.00 and 87 women, 8130 and 8130. All 81.00.

Children's Shoes
Values to \$100.00. Price \$1.00 and \$2.00.

Irvin and Treadwell Shoes
Regular \$5.00. Reduced to \$3.00. All 81.00. All 81.00. All 81.00.

A FEW CLOTHES-ON
Regular \$10.00. Reduced to \$5.00. All 81.00. All 81.00.

Men's Shoes
Shoe \$10.00. Reduced to \$5.00. All 81.00. All 81.00.

F. H. Moore Shoe Co.
MAIN STREET
A Home Town Merchant



News Flash from the Past

By Gina Price White, Dir. of Archives and Special Collections

From [The Johnsonian April 19, 1982](#)

First Bachelor of Social Work Awarded



Angela Ham
Social Work

Winthrop College will award its first bachelor of social work (BSW) degree in May to Angela Ham, 21, the daughter of Charles H. and Joyce Ham of Columbia. Ham will be the first to receive the BSW degree since Winthrop's social work program was approved in the spring of 1980.

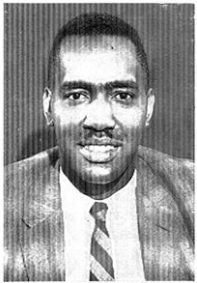
Winthrop, with 42 students majoring in social work, is now the only state-supported college in South Carolina with an accredited undergraduate social work program. "Accreditation guarantees a quality program," said Martin Hope, director of Winthrop's social work program. Hope said that as a consequence of accreditation, the social work program is eligible for federal grants that may be used in curriculum development or as stipends for students working in the field.

Winthrop's social work program requires more than 600 hours of field work, which is more than any other school in the Carolinas. Students receive field work experience from institutions such as nursing homes, child development centers, church homes, schools, the American Red Cross, mental health centers, and the York County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The most attractive aspect of Winthrop's social work program, according to Ham, is that "you get to spend an entire year at your field placement." Currently a student assistant at the Catawba Center for Growth and Development, Ham counsels patients, works with children suffering from behavioral problems and serves patients in a partial hospitalization program at York General Hospital. She plans to work toward a master's degree in psychiatric social work at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

For more information on the Winthrop newspaper files in the Archives contact Gina Price White, Dir. of Archives at (803) 323-2334 or archives@winthrop.edu.

Rev. Cecil Ivory Papers



Rev. Cecil Ivory was a Civil Rights Leader in Rock Hill during the 1950s and early 1960s. He served as pastor of Hermon Presbyterian Church and the leader of Rock Hill's local NAACP chapter. Although confined to a wheel chair, Rev. Ivory led by example, and his leadership during this time proved that he was a role model for his community. He organized community meetings and was arrested more than once for attempting to sit-in at downtown lunch counters. The task of changing the minds and hearts of individuals, and deconstructing and restructuring the institutions of this community demanded commitment, energy, courage, patience, intelligence, and moral and spiritual resolve on his part. He received death threats but was determined to change the status quo. He continued his leadership until his untimely death at 40 in 1961.



Laura Mahony, Darnell Ivory, and Gina White in the Pettus Archives

Rev. Ivory's daughter, Darnell Ivory, gave this wonderful collection of his papers to the Pettus Archives on February 11, 2020 and will be adding additional material soon. The Archives intends to have student interns from the African American Studies program or History Department arrange, describe and preserve the collection in the near future. It will then be made available to researchers.

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New Collection Spotlight

By Kaitlin Burdette, Archivist

More than anything, I love a great mystery! So imagine how much fun it was to receive this wonderful new item in the archives.



The mystery object was passed around to everyone, trying to guess what it might be. Some sort of key? Part of a clock? A handle to something? As all the staff and students of the archives ran out of possibilities, we finally found the truth. This is a *rotary phone dialer*.

These items were used to protect the dialer's fingers and nails when making multiple phone calls. This particular dialer was used at Winthrop by Dorothy Sealy Rauch, who had a life-long tie to our school. Her father was an employee at Winthrop; she attended both Winthrop Training School and Winthrop College; and then she went on to work at Winthrop and retired from her position of Director of Alumnae Affairs in 1980. Through all those years, this dialer probably made hundreds of calls or more.

And with that, the mystery was solved... Thanks for reading.

For more information on Dorothy Rauch see [Accession 1059](#) and [OH 036](#). If anyone has any interesting mystery items to share or is interested in more information about this article, please contact the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections.

For more information on this collection or other collections in the Louise Pettus Archives, please contact us (803) 323-2334 or archives@winthrop.edu, or take a look at our website <http://libguides.library.winthrop.edu/archives/home>

From [The Lantern, March 1, 1901](#):

An Ocean Telephone



New York will soon be able to call up London by telephone. According to the statement of Michael Idvorsky Pupin, adjunct professor of mechanics in Columbia University, the American Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has paid him \$500,000 for his recent invention of a system by which ocean telephony is made possible. This is in addition to the annual royalty of \$15,000 a year during the life of the patents. Speaking of his invention the Professor says: "The question was to overcome resistance. In the present ocean cables, the current has so many obstacles to battle with that it is comparatively slow in traveling and becomes very weak before it reaches its destination 3000 miles away." After long experiments he finally discovered that the insertion of eight induction coils to every mile of wire would overcome this resistance and messages could be sent over the cable at a much faster rate. Prof. Pupin's invention when applied to land wires will enable messages to be sent much further, without relaying, than at present, and will make conversation between New York and San Francisco easy.



Photographs of the Quarter

By Brittany S. Pigford, Archivist

Do you Want to Build a Snowman?

Have our recent small snow events have you longing for one big snow day? Well at the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections at Winthrop University we can't give you snow but we would love to share with you photographs of snows from days past. Enjoy and if there is ever a particular photograph that you would like to see please e-mail or call us and we would be happy to let you know what we have and possibly share it with you or on our [Facebook page](#). Happy Snow Dreaming!



1898 snowball fight
In front of Main building



1913 snow in front of Winthrop Training School



1927 snow in front of Carnegie Library



1947 snow in front of the Little Chapel



1950s snow in front of Margaret Nance



1960s graduate in the snow



1979 Snow Bowl



1980 Snow Lady



1995 friends in the snow



1911 Junior-Senior Basketball game behind Main Building and McBryde.

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Collegiate Contemplations

By Gina Price White, Dir., Archives and Special Collections

In the February, 1923 issue of *The Winthrop Journal*, Junior education major, Mary Alice Suber (Class of 1924) submitted the following poem:

Longing



The weary river seeks the sea,
The lofty pine the heaven strives
To reach. Northward the swallow flies
When stormy Boreas sets spring free.

Each morn kind Phœbus turns his steeds
Into the Westward tract, each eve
Returns. As nature seeks, seek we
To allay in vain our desires with new deeds.

For we've a longing for something afar.
As the Moth still seeks the candle's flare,
So we strive to be nearer, though near, --
The babe has his toy, but cries for a star.

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